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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of entry fee paid by cellular operators for getting licences for cellular mobile services and spectrum fees paid by them;

(b) whether spectrum usages charges of cellular telephone operators and Basic Service Providers are similar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No new licence has so far been granted after announcement of New Telecom Policy -1999. In terms of the migration package offered to the existing cellular (Circle and Metros) licensees, an amount of Rs. 5491.79 crores has been paid as Entry fee by 37 Cellular licensees under migration. The Spectrum fee paid by the cellular operators is Rs. 152 Crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Spectrum usage charges comprise royalty charges and license fee. The royalty charges are dependent on number of frequencies corresponding to particular bandwidth and radio links distances and license fees are dependent on number of wireless stations.